

**Tropaeolum minus 'Alaska Gold' Variegated Nasturtium**

Golden yellow, spurred single flowers bloom from May until October on compact, mounding plants. The small, neat, rounded leaves are beautifully variegated in creamy white and light green, so even before the bright, edible gold flowers appear, this plant will attract attention in a patio container, window box, or as edging for a flowerbed. Edible blooms have a spicy, peppery taste – use as garnish or add to salads. Grows 7-12” tall. Full sun or part shade in hot climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Alaska Mix' Variegated Nasturtium**

Charming variegated nasturtiums have lily-pad shaped light green leaves marbled and streaked with creamy white. Peppery edible flowers bloom May to October in shades of bright gold, sunny orange, rich mahogany and pinky salmon. The compact, softly mounding plants grow quickly, filling garden beds, hanging baskets, or patio containers. Grows 7-12” tall. Full sun or part shade in hot climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Alaska Salmon' Variegated Nasturtium**

Soft salmon flowers cover compact mounding plants with attractive cream and green variegated foliage from May to October. Use the spicy edible blooms as an herb or garnish, adding them whole to a spinach or mixed green salad, or chopping them to add color and zest to a cheese spread. The showy, long-blooming plants are also ideal for window boxes, patio pots, or creating a dense colorful edging along garden borders. Grows 7-12” tall. Full sun or part shade in hot climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Alaska Scarlet' Variegated Nasturtium**

Brilliant scarlet-red flowers really stand out against the striking light green and creamy white variegated foliage. Showy, mounding plants are fast-growing, quickly fill window boxes, containers, or beds. The bright red edible blooms make a delicious and colorful garnish when added to salads, veggie trays, or hors d'oeuvres. Compact plants grow 7-12” tall. Full sun or part shade in hot climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Black Velvet' Nasturtium**

Velvety, deep red-black flowers are held over fresh, lettuce-green foliage from June to October. The rich, dark-chocolate-colored edible blooms make a subtle, elegant garnish when scattered around an hors d'oeuvres platter or a summer salad of mixed greens. Or plant next to a light, creamy nasturtium for excellent contrast in a garden bed or container. Grows 11-12” tall. Full sun or part shade in hot climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Caribbean Cocktail' Nasturtium**

A rare and unique selection that combines delicious shades of raspberry, strawberry, apricot, and cream – some streaked with darker colors. Mounding plants grow and spread quickly to create a fragrant carpet of pastel patchwork color in the garden bed or border. Also ideal for pots, containers, or windowboxes. Edible, spicy blooms make a tasty, colorful accompaniment to summer salads or as a garnish. Grows 8-12” tall. Full sun or part shade in hot climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Strawberries and Cream' Nasturtium**

Creamy, pale yellow double blooms boldly spotted with strawberry-red. Plants bloom profusely June to October, holding flowers well above the lush, compact foliage and making a showy display in patio pots, garden beds, or as edging for a walkway. The edible flowers have a delicious peppery flavor – add them to a green salad for color and tang, or use as a delightful garnish for other summer dishes. Grows 9-10” tall. Full sun or part shade in hot climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Tip Top Apricot' Nasturtium**

Creamy apricot blooms with darker markings sit well above the foliage on compact, tidy plants. Easy to grow plants quickly fill borders or containers and bloom from May to October, providing a steady supply of bright, edible, peppery flowers for adding to salads or other summer dishes. These high-quality dwarf plants are especially good for growing in pots or baskets. Grows 7-9” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Tip Top Bright Gold' Nasturtium**

Bright and showy variety holds its deep golden-orange flowers high above the neat, compact foliage. High-quality 'Tip Top' series is extremely floriferous, producing abundant colorful blooms from May to October. Flashy blossoms stand out in garden beds, borders, containers – or pick the edible blooms to use as a garnish or herb. The peppery flavor and bright color add spice when chopped and sprinkled over stirfries or rice dishes. Grows 7-8” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Tip Top Lemon' Nasturtium**

Clear lemon-colored flowers look refreshing and crisp blooming in the garden or garnishing a summer salad or veggie dish. The unique, soft-yellow blooms combine nicely with purples and blues – plant with an edible viola and use blooms from both for an especially impressive garnish for a gourmet cake or tray of hors d'oeuvres. Dwarf plants hold their blossoms high over the compact mounding foliage. Grows 7-8” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Tip Top Mahogany' Nasturtium**

Distinctive nasturtium has large, deeply colored, mahogany-red flowers held high over refreshing lime-green foliage. Perfectly mounded plants bloom heavily from May to October – they're quite showy in patio pots, containers, or garden beds. Or pick the edible, velvety dark blooms or bright green leaves to add color and a peppery flavor to salads. Grows 9-10” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Tip Top Scarlet' Nasturtium**

Early-bloomer produces vivid orange-scarlet flowers starting in May and continues blooming until frosts – use the brilliant edible blooms all summer to dress up salads or cheese and veggie trays. The compact, easy-to-grow variety flowers profusely, holding each bloom high over the foliage – perfect for filling beds, containers, or windowboxes with dazzling color. Grows 7-8” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Whirlybird Gold' Nasturtium**

Upward-facing semi-double golden blooms are held over compact, luxurious mounding foliage. The big, 2½” propeller-like flower appear profusely from June to October, making a showy addition to beds or containers all summer. The edible flowers and leaves have a distinct, peppery taste – wonderful when chopped in a cream cheese spread or added whole to dress up a salad. Grows 9-12” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Whirlybird Mahogany' Nasturtium**

Richly hued, reddish-brown upward-facing blooms appear profusely from June to October on bushy, lush green mounding foliage. The big, propeller-like semi-double flowers are carried well above the fast-growing plants, providing early and long-lasting color for beds, borders, or containers. Deeply colored edible blooms also make a dramatic garnish with a tasty peppery flavor, similar to watercress. Grows 9-10” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Whirlybird Scarlet' Nasturtium**

Bright scarlet propeller-like flowers sit open and upward-facing on bushy, compact green plants, making a colorful, dramatic display for hanging baskets, garden beds, or as edging for a pathway. The big, vivid semi-double edible blooms are also excellent when used as an herb or garnish – they add a delicious spicy tang and flashy color to salads, stirfries, or a cheese and veggie platter. Blooms June to October. Grows 9-10” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Whirlybird Tangerine' Nasturtium**

Deep red-orange propeller-like blooms hover over lush, compact green foliage from June to October. Old-fashioned, easy-to-grow plants make a fast-growing, colorful groundcover, and are beautiful in baskets, beds, or windowboxes. The delicious, spicy edible flowers can also be used as a garnish to give a bright tropical look to summer salads or fruit platters. Grows 9-10” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Whirlybird Cream' Nasturtium**

Lush, mounding green plants produce abundant creamy, buttermilk-colored blooms from June to October. The big, semi-double propeller-like flowers are excellent for contrast when planted with another dark velvety nasturtium, or combined with a bright red or gold. The edible, peppery-flavored bright cream flowers also make an elegant garnish when placed on an hors d'oeuvres tray or cheese platter. Grows 9-10” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.

**Tropaeolum minus 'Whirlybird Rose' Nasturtium**

Rosy-red semi-double flowers fill bushy, fast-growing, mounding green plants from June to October. The large, flashy, propeller-like blooms are spurless and sit upward-facing for an impressive display of color in hanging baskets, borders, or planted in clusters around the vegetable garden. The edible flowers and leaves can also be used as garnish to add a splash of color and a tangy, pepper flavor to salads and other dishes. Grows 9-10” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.



### **Tropaeolum minus 'Empress of India' Nasturtium**

Brilliant, high-quality crimson-scarlet flowers on dark blue-green foliage make a striking contrast in beds, borders, or containers. This enchanting heirloom variety blooms May to October, forming dense mounds of color and attracting bees and hummingbirds to its long-spurred ruby blossoms. The bright blooms are deliciously edible, with a spicy flavor, like watercress – use them whole to garnish salads, or chop and add to cheese spreads or rice dishes. Grows 11-12” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.



### **Tropaeolum minus 'Gleam Mix' Nasturtium**

A dazzling display of blooms in shades of deep golden-yellow, vivid scarlet, salmon-rose, and sunny lemon-yellow. This dazzling mix of tasty edible flowers provides a full array of colorful garnishes to add whole to party trays and salads – or chop as an herb to sprinkle over stirfries, rice dishes, or sandwiches for a peppery, tangy flavor. The bright blossoms also will attract beneficial insects and hummingbirds to the garden. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.



### **Tropaeolum minus 'Jewel Cherry Rose' Nasturtium**

Cherry-rose flowers set this excellent heirloom variety apart. The compact, uniform plants produce abundant bright cheerful blooms from June to October – as their name suggests, the ruby-colored flowers make a showy adornment for the garden or for any culinary creation. Edible leaves and flowers have a spicy, slightly peppery flavor. Grows 6-12” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.



### **Tropaeolum minus 'Jewel Mix' Nasturtium**

Colorful mix will provide a rainbow array of edible blooms to add to salads, stirfries, or other dishes all summer long. Plants bloom from June to October in a mix of attractive shades: deep gold, dark mahogany-red, vivid scarlet, cream with red spots, and bright primrose yellow. Compact variety is good for small yards, containers, or hanging baskets. Grows 9-12” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.



### **Tropaeolum minus 'Lady Bird' Nasturtium**

Beautiful, unique golden-yellow blooms with dark red central markings cover attractive compact plants from May to October. The extremely dwarf plants are useful for container gardening or when garden space is limited, but will also flourish in regular beds and borders. Brightly colored edible flowers make a delicious and eye-catching garnish. Grows 8-10” tall. Full sun or part shade in hotter climates.



### **Tropaeolum minus 'Peach Melba' Nasturtium**

Delicious creamy peach blooms have bright raspberry-red spots – a sought-after color combination. The delicious, peppery, edible flowers make a unique and delightful addition to summer salads or chopped as a colorful herb in spreads or rice dishes. In the garden, flowers are held over uniform, compact, nontrailing foliage, providing eye-catching color from June to October. Very nice for edging, beds, or containers. Grows 9-10” tall. Full sun or part shade in hot climates.

## **Nasturtiums**

Whether you are a novice gardener or an expert, growing nasturtiums will provide you with great rewards. The various shades of yellows, reds and oranges will brighten any garden. They are easy to grow, even in less than fertile soil. They require little care and less watering than many other plants, but they will give you massive color.

Northwest nasturtiums do best in full sun, in well drained soil. The Log House varieties bloom from May to the first freeze.

As an added benefit, nasturtiums are a host plant for aphids. Plant them near your roses, or any plant that is infested, and watch them have a party at their new home, then compost them. Good-bye aphids.

All the nasturtiums featured here are dwarf, bushy annuals. The flowers are edible and have a peppery taste. The flowers are a colorful addition to a salad, or an attractive garnish on a cake.

*Alaska Series* – Single flowers in shades of yellow, orange, mahogany, or cream. Leaves are light green and **variegated** with creamy white.

*Jewel Series* – Semi-double and double, yellow, pink-orange, scarlet, or crimson flowers. Flowers grow **even with the foliage**.

*Tip Top Series* – **A shorter variety**, compact and mounded with abundant flowers that bloom above the foliage.

*Whirlybird Series* – These single to semi-double flowers of reds, pinks, yellows, or oranges are produced **well above the foliage**.



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